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Annual Payroll of Factories - - - - - \$12,299,600.00

Seventy Miles of Waterfront; Eighteen Banks with total assets of \$5,461,785.00; Three Transcontinental Railroads; Three Steamer Lines; Cheap Fuel Oil, Electric Power and an abundance of Water.

CONTRA COSTA is one of the most advantageously situated counties in the whole State of California. Its western boundary is the great Bay of San Francisco and on the north and east it is bounded by navigable waters, the total length of its shore line being **seventy miles**. Along forty-five miles of this frontage the waters of the great Pacific Ocean come and go with the tides through the world-famed Golden Gate. The waters for the remaining distance of twenty-five miles are from the snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains, flowing through the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. No other county in the State is so highly favored with water transportation advantages, which truth leads up to a consideration of the prime factors in Contra Costa's greatness—to her marvelous growth in population, her increase in assessed valuation of from \$25,000,000 in 1905 to \$54,500,000 in 1915, and to her great number of big manufacturing plants.

They are numbered by scores and their respective outputs range from thousands to millions of dollars, the total being so great as to place CONTRA COSTA at the HEAD of the list of manufacturing counties of the State.

We have here all the facilities the manufacturer requires or can obtain anywhere, with the additional advantages afforded by unequaled sites at most reasonable figures. Active competition by rival transportation companies by rail and water, besides the fostering hand of official encouragement, is accorded to all worthy comers. As a result of all this, our factories are rapidly multiplying, and while many of the desirable sites on our seventy miles of water front are occupied, there is abundant room for more.

Farming and Fruit Growing

Contra Costa County is not only great in manufacture, but is also marvelously rich in agriculture and horticulture.

List of products: wheat, barley, alfalfa, oats, hay, potatoes, asparagus, celery, onions, beans, apples, prunes, peaches, plums, almonds, oranges, lemons, limes, walnuts, quinces, olives, table and wine grapes, currants, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, dewberries, loganberries, raisins. These are the chief products, but all kinds of garden truck are raised, and cattle, horses, sheep and hogs are bred. The cow is here also, and the dairies send much cream, milk and butter to the city.

An Ideal Climate

The setting of this county insures an exceptional climate—a mingling of that which belongs to the sea and that which is of the land. The air about San Francisco Bay is uniformly cool. It is always in motion, coming through the Golden Gate with a rush, but moderating its pace as it spreads out over the bay and the hills which border it, so that by the time it has reached midway of this county the air is **just right**.

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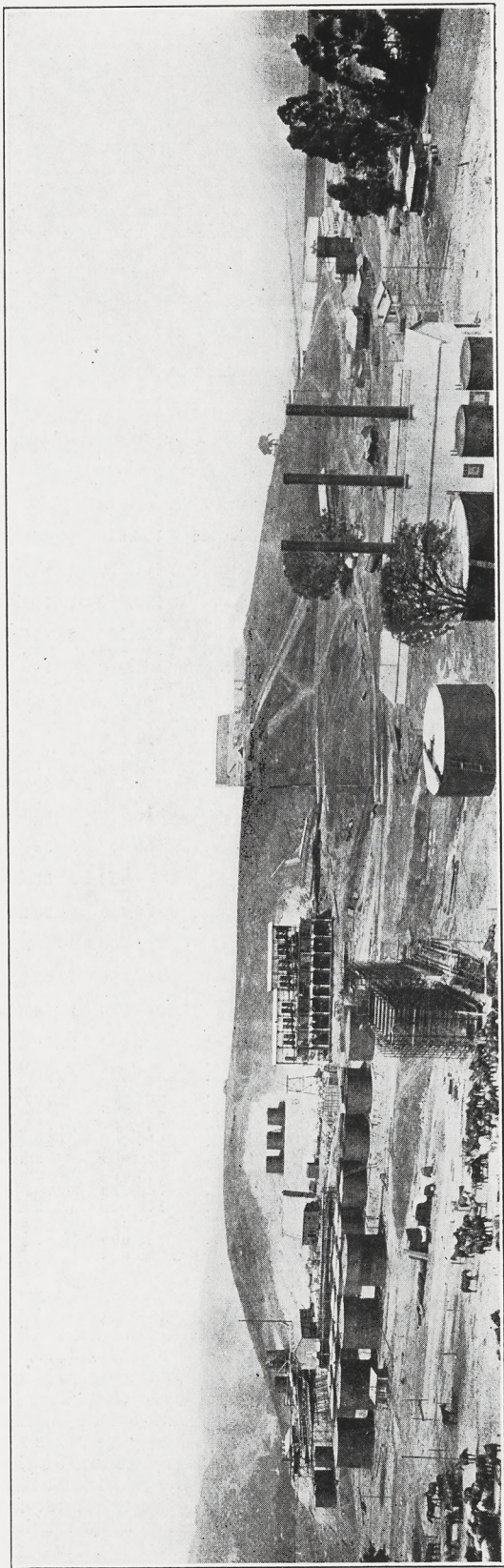
CONTRA COSTA A GREAT MANUFACTURING COUNTY

An exhaustive canvass of going manufacturing concerns has recently been made and the results are for the first time made public in the following table, wherein is given the estimated value of the annual output of each industry, the annual pay-roll of each and the average number of employes, as follows:

	Value of An. Product	Annual Payroll	No. Men
ANTIOCH			
California Paper & Board Mills.....	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 100,000	200
Antioch Lumber & Mill Co.....	150,000	24,000	25
H. W. & W. E. Meek Co.....	357,500	123,000	550
OAKLEY			
Cal. Fruit Cannery Ass'n.....	\$ 150,000	\$ 43,000	225
PITTSBURG			
Columbia Steel Co.....	\$ 360,000	\$ 145,600	175
Johnson & Lanteri Ship Yards.....	150,000	60,000	80
Redwood Manufacturers Co.....	2,000,000	300,000	400
Diamond Brick Co.....	75,000	17,500	20
California Fruit Can. Ass'n.....	220,000	72,000	300
American Fish & Oyster Co.....	56,000	14,500	40
Contra Costa Gas Co.....	under construction	65,500	75
NICHOLS			
General Chemical Co.....	\$ 750,000	\$ 150,000	200
BAY POINT			
C. A. Smith Lumber Co.....	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 300,000	350
AVON			
Associated Oil Co.....	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 100,000	60
MARTINEZ			
Mountain Copper Co.....	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 465,000	400
American Oriental Oil Co.....	250,000	30,000	35
Shell Oil Co. of Calif.....	now building	940,000	800
L. Anderson Co.....	100,000	9,000	10
Colton Winery.....	40,000	5,500	7
Alhambra Mineral Water Co.....	17,200	3,500	4
PORT COSTA			
Port Costa Brewing Co.....	\$ 25,000	\$ 4,500	4
Port Costa Brick Works.....	60,000	22,500	25
Port Costa Grain Warehouses.....		450,000	500
CROCKETT			
Calif. & Hawaiian Sugar Rfg. Co....	\$30,350,000	\$ 625,000	700
SELBY			
Selby Smelting and Lead Co.....	\$60,000,000	\$ 360,000	450
OLEUM			
Union Oil Co. of Cal.....	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 360,000	300
COWELL			
Cowell Portland Cement Co.....	\$ 894,600	\$ 234,260	275
CONCORD			
Russi & Sonner Feed Mills.....	\$ 117,800	\$ 7,500	6
PINOLE			
Hercules Powder Works.....	\$10,000,000	\$ 625,000	500
GIANT			
Giant Powder Works.....	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 100,000	100
RICHMOND			
Standard Oil Co.....	\$36,000,000	\$2,200,000	2200
Pullman Car Co.....		800,000	760
Pacific Sanitary Mgt. Co.....	350,000	200,000	150
Western States Porcelain Works..	200,000	72,000	60
Pacific Porcelain Ware Co.....	250,000	150,000	160
Western Pipe and Steel Works....	600,000	200,000	200
Los Angeles Pressed Brick Wks...	220,000	100,000	100
Schrock Furniture Factory.....	130,000	30,000	30
Enterprise Foundry.....	50,000	20,000	20
Tilden & Eckle Planing Mill.....	150,000	42,000	40
Stauffer Chemical Works.....	140,000	36,000	40
Healy-Tibbitts Quarry Co.....	65,000	36,000	40
Blake Bros. Quarry Co.....	135,000	72,000	80
California Wine Association.....	2,000,000	150,000	150
Santa Fe Ry. Co.....		700,000	700
Metropolitan Match Factory.....		60,000	60
California Cap Works.....		70,000	70
Hutchinson Quarry Co.....	175,000	100,000	100
Totals	\$161,332,100	\$12,299,600	11676

The foregoing figures can be relied upon as conservative, as they have been obtained from the most reliable sources available, the same being heads of departments in the various institutions except in a very few instances.

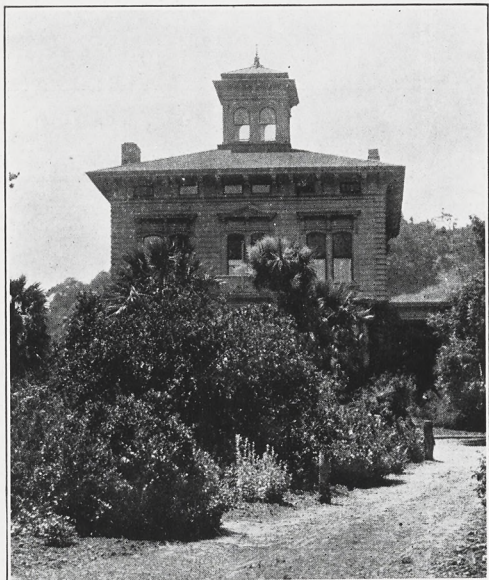
It is hardly necessary to call the attention of the well-informed reader to the great advantage of locating in a section where there are many great factories, an army of employes and fat pay-rolls—it means nearby markets and ever-ready money.



Scene of Portion of the Dutch Shell Oil Company at Martinez, Contra Costa County



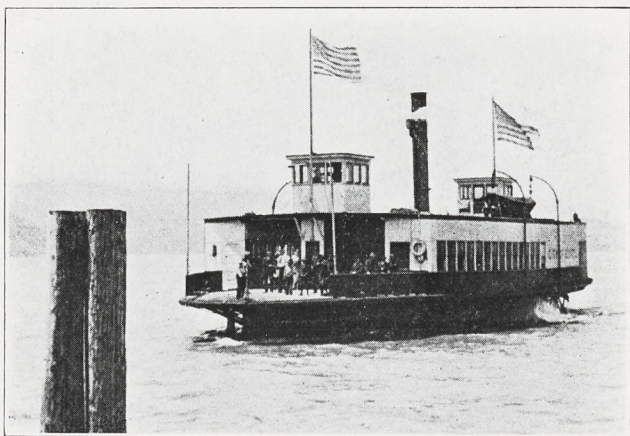
Contra Costa County Court House, Martinez



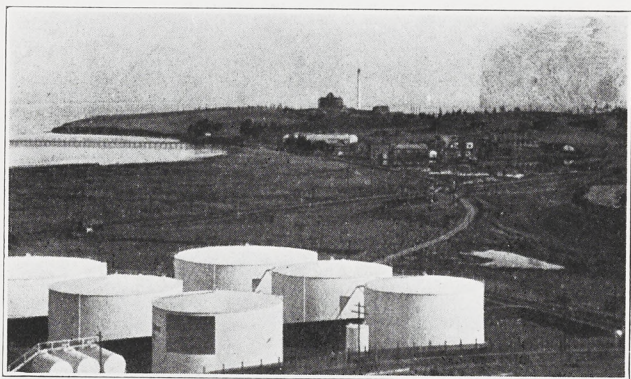
Home of the Late John Muir, Near Martinez



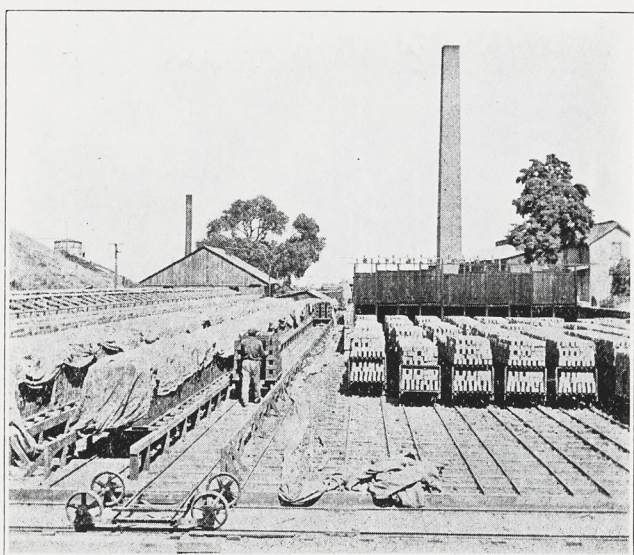
Home of the Late John Swett, Near Martinez



Martinez-Benicia Ferry Boat "Seattle"



**Water Front Scene, Martinez—American-Oriental Oil Plant
and Mt. Copper Co. Plant in Distance**



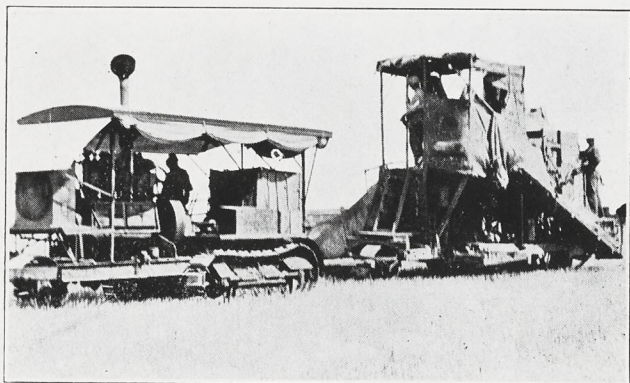
Port Costa Brick Works, near Port Costa, Contra Costa Co.



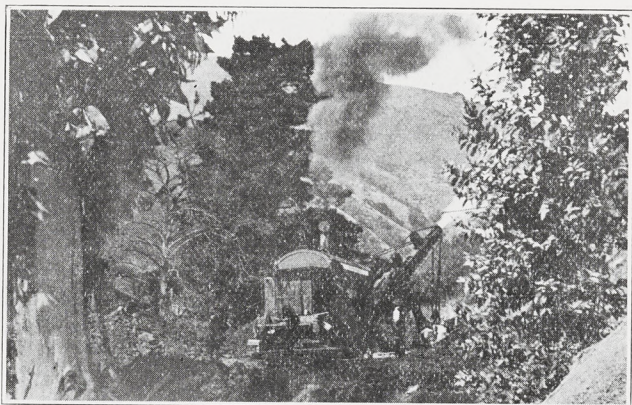
Snow Scene at Martinez City Hall, Only One During Period
of 12 Years



Hay Field Scene in May, Ygnacio Valley



Harvesting Scene With "Caterpillar", Near Byron, Contra
Costa County



Scene Showing Steam Shovel Road Building, Tunnel Road,
Contra Costa County



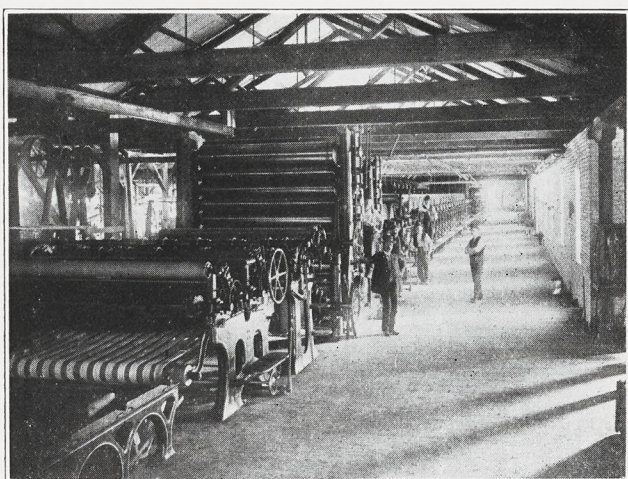
One of the Beautiful Scenes on the "Snake Road" Contra
Costa County



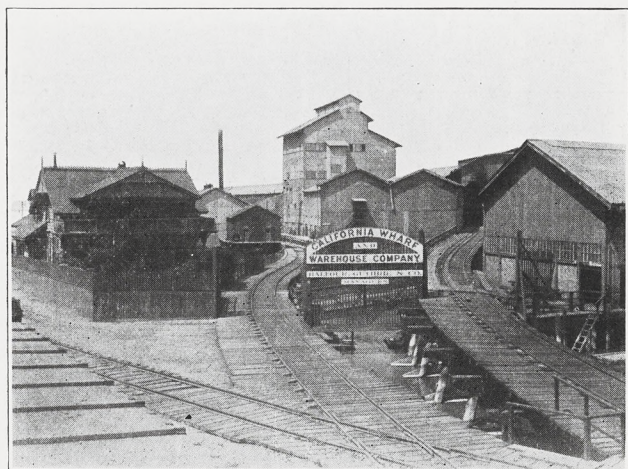
Beautiful Scene on the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern Electric
Railway, Contra Costa County



Macdonald Avenue, City of Richmond, Contra Costa County



Interior of California Paper and Board Mills, Antioch, Contra Costa County



California Wharf and Warehouse Co., Port Costa, Contra Costa County



MT. DIABLO--THE ME

The photograph from which the above beautiful half-tone picture of the famous old mountain was made, was taken from an elevation looking east across the San Ramon valley, with the little city of Danville in the foreground.

Huge development operations are now going on which will make this mountain easily accessible and which will incidentally carry the name of "Contra Costa" into all parts of the world.

Epitomized, this is the work undertaken in and about Mount Diablo:

The construction of an Observatory as a crowning feature of the mountain. This structure is to be equipped with a telescope having a radius of 100 miles, and is to be fitted up with sleeping apartments, a dining room and restaurant and will be surmounted with a giant search light that will be a guide to the night traveler for one hundred miles in every direction.

A lecturer will be present to explain the industries and the wealth of the various factories in the upbuilding of the community on which the lens is focused. Literature giving fuller details of the various communities and districts within the radius of the telescope will supplement the lecture. It is estimated that when the observatory is installed and the highways completed, that many thousands of tourists a year will visit the mountain.

The telescope on the top of the Observatory, will stand as a permanent advertising medium for all of Contra Costa County as well as all towns and districts within the radius of its lens. To increase its efficiency it will operate on a circular track and an automatic focus will direct attention to any given point.



MERIDIAN MOUNTAIN

For more than half a century Mt. Diablo has been a meridian for all land surveys South to the Tehachipi mountains and North to the Oregon line.

The Mountain itself possesses an historic record that dates back to the days of the Spanish occupation of the State. It was revealed to Capt. Don Pedro Fagis and Fray Juan Crespi and their leather-jackets of the old Spanish port of Monterey in the year 1772. It was these men who gave the mountain its name.

The construction of three scenic boulevards to the Summit, one of which is completed and the second, rising out of Ygnacio Valley at a five per cent grade will be finished shortly. These roads ascend the mountain from the west, while a third road is to be built to the summit on the east side.

This gigantic project which is being carried forward by the R. N. Burgess Company of San Francisco, is unique in the annals of California development work.

The Mount Diablo Park Club will be the central feature of this project and around it will revolve the social and practical life of the residents in the Park. An experimental school and Co-operative Farm, for the benefit of the residents of the Park will be an added feature to the project. Then there will be the golfing on the golf courses, the increased tennis facilities, swimming, boating and fishing as supplementary diversions.

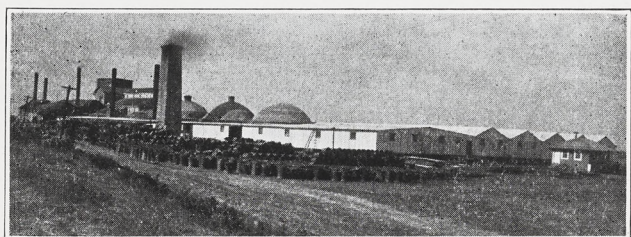
Attracted to the Mountain by the scenic trip, viewing from its summit the fertile lands of Contra Costa County, the progress of its towns and cities, many tourists are bound to become interested in the county and will sooner or later buy homes and make other investments in the county.



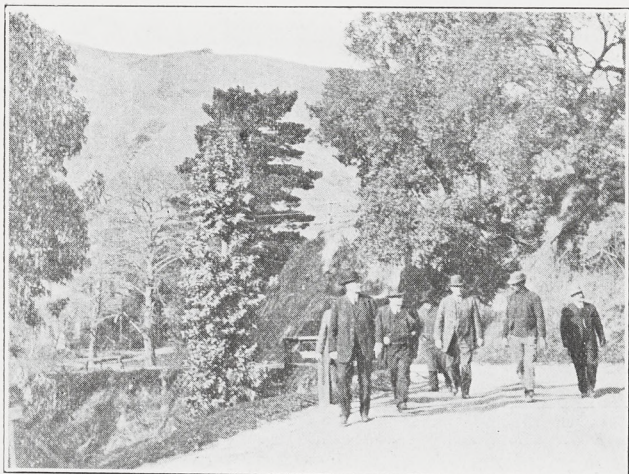
Cherry Orchard in April, Alhambra Valley



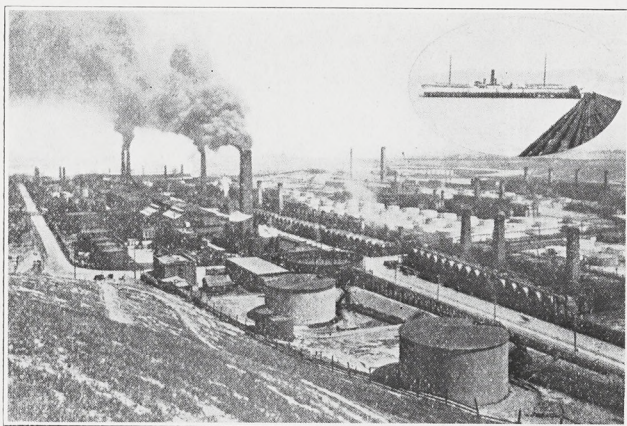
Scene at Mt. Diablo Park, Contra Costa County



Pottery Works, Antioch, Contra Costa County



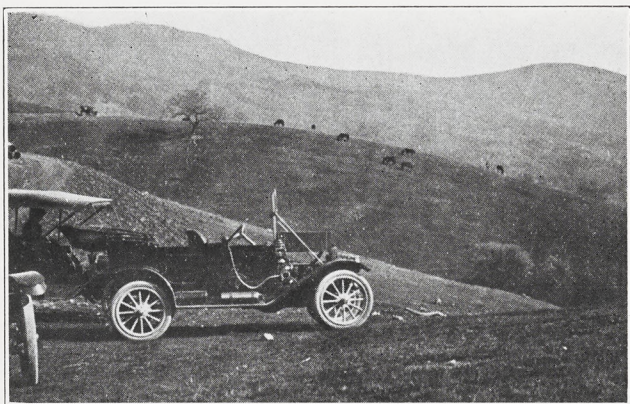
County Officials Viewing "Tunnel Road," Contra Costa County



Standard Oil Co. Plant, Richmond, Contra Costa County



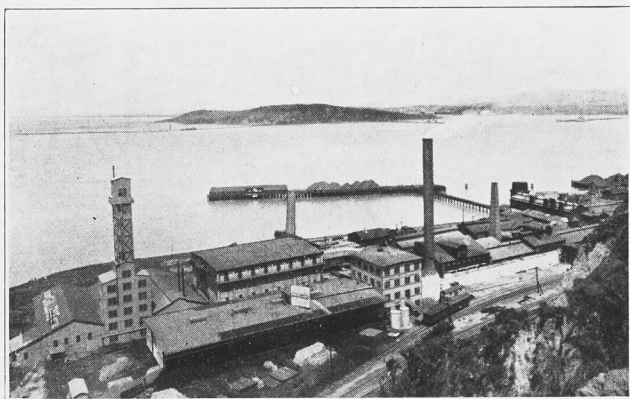
Pear Orchard in Ygnacio Valley, Contra Costa County



**Scene on Mt. Diablo Boulevard, One of the Scenic Wonders
of California**



**Herd of Fine Dairy Cows on Alfalfa Farm, Eastern Contra
Costa County**



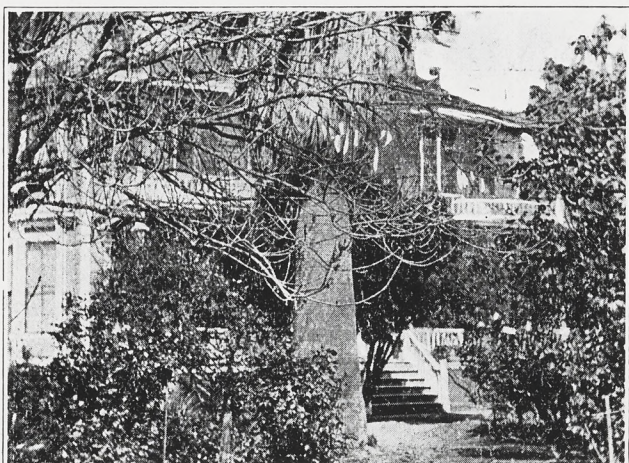
**Selby Smelting and Lead Co., Selby, on the Carquinez Straits,
Contra Costa County**



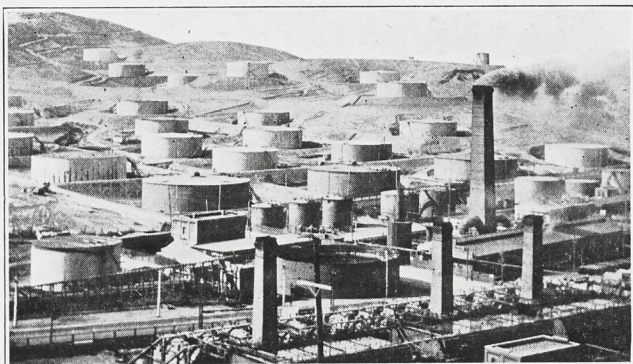
Ygnacio Valley Home, near Concord



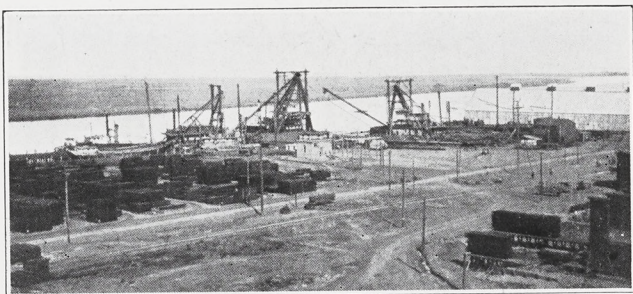
Mt. Diablo Park Club Hotel, at Base of Mountain, East of Danville



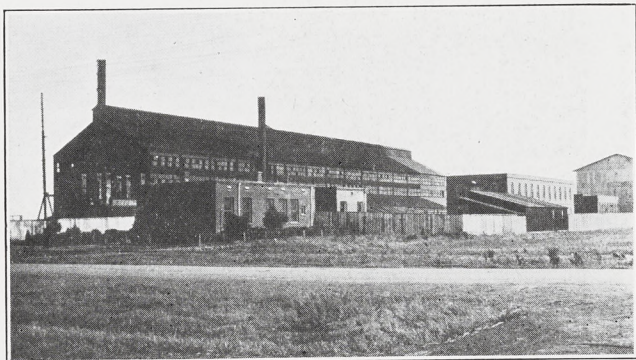
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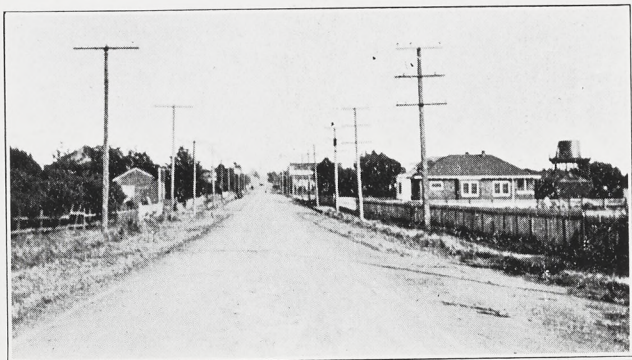
Portion of Standard Oil Plant, City of Richmond



Lanteri Ship Building Yards, Pittsburg, Contra Costa County



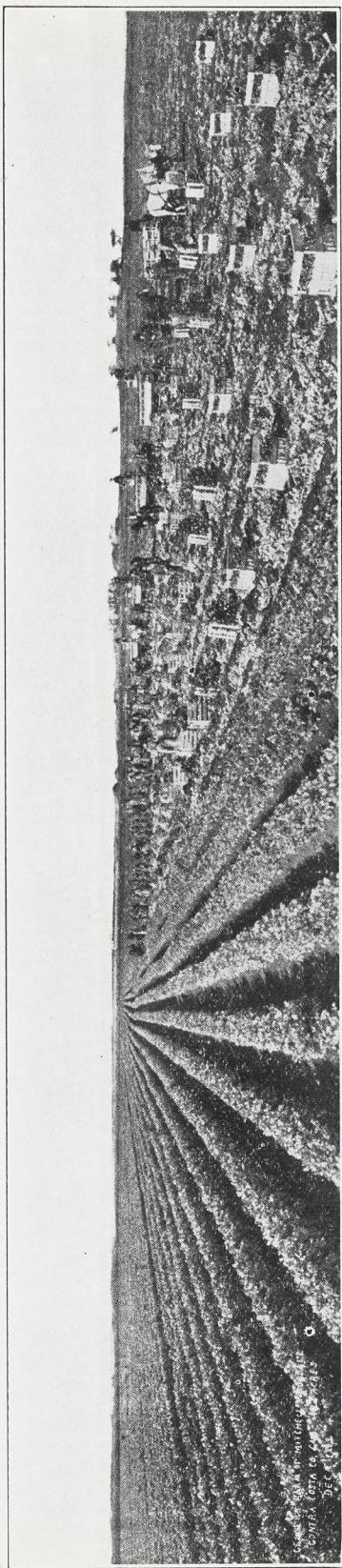
Columbia Steel Works, Pittsburg, Contra Costa County



Strip of State Highway Through Town of San Pablo



Scene Showing a Portion of Waterfront at Antioch, Contra Costa County



Portion of Celery Beds on Ranch of Mitchell & Goodale in the San Joaquin River Delta in Contra Costa County, Showing Cutting, Packing and Shipping of one of county's greatest crops. Here 425 acres are planted to celery beds below the surface of the river, the land being protected by levees. The quality of the celery raised on the delta lands of this county is not surpassed in any part of the world. Several hundred carloads of this table luxury are shipped to eastern markets annually from the city of Antioch, Contra Costa County

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Comprehensive Map of Contra Costa's Waterfront, Showing the Number of Industries

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